

The Bible: Genesis Study Guide

1. "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth", (Genesis 1:1) is important because it established the fact that there is a God.
2. The question that should be asked while reading the creation stories is not "how" but "why."
3. Adam and Eve's sin of eating the forbidden fruit caused paradise to be lost.
4. Adam and Eve's second sin of blaming another caused the first sin to be even worse.
5. The story of Noah is another opportunity to ask the "why" question.
6. The flood led to the first covenant God makes, never to flood the world again."
7. God's second and third covenants are with Abraham. First, to give his descendants a land of own, and second, to make him the father with many descendants.
8. These promises seemed impossible since both Abraham's wife Sarah were barren.
9. Sarah in her old age gave birth to Isaac. Isaac had two sons, Esau and Jacob.
10. Jacob tricked Esau out of this birthright and blessings and had to flee for this life.
11. Jacob eventually fathered 12 sons and a daughter. These 12 sons became the 12 tribes of Israel.
12. Jacob's favorite son was Joseph. Joseph's brothers were jealous of him and sold him into slavery in Egypt.
13. God blessed Joseph and he became second only to Pharaoh.
14. When a drought brought Joseph's brothers to Egypt, Joseph revealed that he was their brother and the brothers, along with Jacob came to live in Egypt where they grew into a great nation.